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SUBJ: KREISKY VISIT

1. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN DCM (LGOTECT), CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S VISIT TO ROMANIA JULY 10-14 WAS LARGELY AN "INFORMATIVE" ONE IN SENSE OF EXCHANGING VIEWS.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH CEAUSESCU WHILE DELEGATION PRESENT SEEM MOSTLY TO HAVE FOLLOWED USUAL PUBLIC LINES. (HOWEVER, SOURCE WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN KREISKY SAW CEAUSESCU ALONE.) CEAUSESCU REMARKED THAT EUROPEANS WERE NOT "COMBATIVE" ENOUGH, IN SENSE OF BEING PUSHED AROUND BY OUTSIDERS (HE DID NOT SPECIFY BY WHOM). HE OPINED THAT EUROPE WAS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS PLACE THAN MIDDLE EAST OWING TO BLOCS' CONFRONTATION AND HUGE MILITARY FORCES. CEAUSESCU EXPLICITLY SUPPORTED CREATION OF A PALESTINE STATE ON WEST BANK AND IN GAZA WITH PLO INVOLVEMENT, AND URGED GREATER ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY.

3. BILATERALLY, KREISKY TURNED DOWN ROMANIAN BID FOR JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATION (AUSTRIANS CURRENTLY SAVING SUCH FAVORS FOR CLOSER EE NEIGHBORS), BEEFING UP COMMUNIQUE INSTEAD. AFTER CEAUSESCU'S HINTS FOR STATE-TO-STATE CREDITS WENT UNREQUITED, TWO SIDES AGREED TO INVESTIGATE
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MIGHT HOPE TO OBTAIN AUSTRIAN LOANS AT LOWER ("DEVELOPING-COUNTRY") INTEREST RATE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND KREISKY (IN JULY 11 TOAST) HAD PORTUGAL IN MIND WHEN HE AFFIRMED THAT DETENTE IN GENERAL WOULD BE AFFECTED IF RIGHTS OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF A PEOPLE WERE IGNORED AND IF THIS WERE ENCOURAGED "FROM ABROAD". WHETHER CEAUSESCU REACTED, SOURCE WAS UNINFORMED.
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